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c. means for automatically assigning credit on behalf of said customer for unprintable images on said roll of photographic film wherein the number of accrued unprintable images are compared to a threshold value.

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3.(Once Amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 1 wherein said image order comprises a printer for printing of images on a roll of photographic film.

4.(Once Amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 1 further comprising a scanner for scanning of hard copy images.

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8.(Once Amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 1 wherein said means for automatically assigning credit includes scanning the images on a roll of photographic film.

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9 11.(Once Amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 1 wherein said threshold value is equal to the number of images on a roll of film of a predetermined value that is provided to said customer upon reaching said threshold value.

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12.(Once Amended) A method for processing images on an image retaining device, comprising the steps of:

- providing an image retaining device of a customer, said image retaining device capable of retaining a predetermined number of images;
- processing said image retaining device by a processing lab;
- automatically determining the number of printable images on said processed image retaining device; and
- automatically crediting said customer for said unprintable images in accordance with a predetermined criteria wherein predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images of said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of printable images on said process image retaining device.

12-15 (Once Amended) A method according to claim 12 wherein said credit comprises keeping track as to the number of images that are ~~printable~~ ^{unprintable} for said customer for said image retaining device that is sent to said processing lab and forwarding to said customer a token when a predetermined credit criteria is reached.

15-18 (Once Amended) A method according to claim 17 wherein said roll of photographic film contains the same number of potential exposures of images equal to the number of accrued unprintable images.

20. (Once Amended) A computer software product that when placed in a computer will cause the computer to do the steps of:

- processing data with respect to a customer;
- keeping track of a customer order having an image retaining device capable of retaining a predetermined number of images;
- automatically determining the number of printable images on said processed image retaining device; and
- automatically crediting said customer for said unprintable images in accordance with a predetermined criteria wherein predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images of said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of printable images on said process image retaining device.